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**Necrology of Virginia Historical Society, 1893.**

LEGH R. PAGE was born at New Glasgow, in Amherst county, March 10th, 1835. He was a son of Rev. Charles H. Page, a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church and a member of the well-known Page family of Virginia. Legh R. Page was a nephew in the third generation of Light Horse Harry Lee, of the Revolutionary Army, and therefore a cousin of General Robert E. Lee, Commander of the Confederate forces in the war between the States. His boyhood was passed in Kentucky, in which State his father at that time resided. He had not yet reached manhood when he began the practice of law at Lexington, Mississippi, in partnership with the present senior United States Senator from that Commonwealth, Hon. J. Z. George. When the war broke out he became captain of the Lexington (Miss.) Guards. He accompanied these troops to Virginia and served gallantly through the whole of the great contest. While in command of posts in the immediate vicinity of Richmond he was appointed on the staff of General Ewell, with the rank of adjutant-general. At the close of the war Major Page married Miss Page Waller, and established himself in Richmond as a member of the bar. He soon acquired prominence in his profession, more particularly in practice in the Supreme Court of the State. He was counsel in many of the leading cases of his time, including *Thorndyke vs. Reynolds*, *Ould and Carrington vs. Meyers*, *Norfolk Exchange Bank Cases*, *Samuel Miller Will Case*, *Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad Bond Case*, and others which attracted an equal degree of attention.

For several years Major Page was the City Attorney of Richmond. He died on the 8th of June, 1893, in Chicago, to which city he had gone for the purpose of attending the wedding of a kinsman. Major Page was a man of great dignity of character, of vigorous talents, reserved in his manners but strong in his attachments.

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JOHN E. DEWITT, of Portland, Me., was killed in the frightful disaster of Thursday, August 31, 1893, on the line of the Boston and Albany Railroad, at Chester, near Springfield, Mass. His ancestors in some lines came to this country soon after 1650, and were residents of New York city. Ten of his ancestors took an active part in the Revolutionary war. Mr. DeWitt was the son of Cornelius W. and Charity H. (Van Gaasbeek) DeWitt, and was born in Milford, Pennsylvania, August 4, 1839. By the illness and death of his father, he was thrown upon his own resources at the age of fourteen, at which age he left his home and became a clerk in New York city. During the war he held a responsible position as clerk in the office of a leading merchant there. After dissolving connection with him, Mr. DeWitt engaged in the busi-

ness of life insurance, and became a canvassing agent for the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., in which capacity he achieved a great success. His reputation was such that he was soon called to the presidency of the United States Life Insurance Company of New York city, which position he held until 1876. During the early part of that year there was occasion to elect a president of this company, and after a careful examination and inquiry, Mr. DeWitt was unanimously elected a director and president on the 28th day of July, 1876, and entered at once upon the discharge of the duties of the office. While this company was chartered by the State of Maine, it had been allowed to have its principal office in Boston, but in 1881 it was transferred to Portland, Maine, was re-organized, and under Mr. DeWitt's presidency continued to increase in prosperity.

Mr. DeWitt had been president of the Portland Society of Art; was at the time of his death president of the Maine Society of the Sons of the American Revolution; was a director in the Portland National Bank, in the organization of which he was prominent; was president of the Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co., of Portland; was a member of the Falmouth Club, Cumberland Club and Athletic Club, of Portland; of the Algonquin Club, Boston; of the Union League Club, Lotus Club, St. Nicholas Club, and the Holland Society, of New York. Mr. DeWitt was also a member of the Board of Trade, of Portland; the Young Men's Democratic Club, of Portland; the Maine State Society, for the Prevention of Cruelty to animals; the Maine Genealogical Society.

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ROBERT HENRY WHITLOCK, son of R. H. and Jane C. Whitlock, was born in Richmond city on the 30th of December, 1839, and died on the 16th of May, 1893. At the beginning of the late war he left his father's counting room and joined the Richmond Company, commanded by that gallant officer, John S. Walker. Subsequently he obtained a transfer to the New Kent Company in the Third Virginia Cavalry. His ardent courage made him conspicuous in every engagement in which he participated. At Nancy's Shop, in the summer of 1864, having pressed forward much beyond the line of battle, he received a wound so desperate that, upon being removed to the field hospital, the surgeon declared that it was useless to attempt to save his life. His older brother, however, brought him to Richmond, where, after an illness of many months, he recovered. Soon after the close of the war, with a small capital, Mr. Whitlock embarked in a manufacturing enterprise, and this business he prosecuted with such energy and judgment that it was soon successful, enabling him to amass a considerable fortune. In 1867 he united himself with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the affairs of which he took an active part. In 1878 he was married to Miss Lou Ford, of Covington, Ky. For a number of years Mr. Whitlock was a useful member of the City Council.